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SUBJECT: GATT: INDIA ANNOUNCES MODIFICATION IN TARIFFS AND REQUEST
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RESPONSE BY AUG 1

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF GATT DOCUMENT SECRET/232 OF 22 JULY 1976
ANNOUNCING THAT INDIA HAS MODIFIED OR WITHDRAWN RATES OF DUTY
ON 135 BOUND ITEMS AS FROM MARCH 16, 1976 PURSUANT TO MARCH 30,
1976 ART. XXVIII WAIVER (L/4323). WASHINGTON ATTENTION IS
CALLED TO REQUEST IN PARA 5 OF TEXT THAT CPS SUBSTANTIATE
THEIR CLAIM OF PRINCIPAL/SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIER BY AUGUST 1,
1976 RPT AUG. 1 WITH A VIEW TO MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLDING
NEGOTIATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1976 RPT SEPT. 1. WE ARE
ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT INDIANS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT SHORT
DEADLINE.

2. COPIES OF DOCUMENT WITH PRODUCT LIST BEING POUCHED EB/OT-MONT
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CARRYING COPY FOR STREEB.

3. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS (SEE DOCUMENT L/4323)
SCHEDULE XII INDIA

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA.

1. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE DECISION OF 30
MARCH 1976 OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/4323) WAIVING
THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE GEN-
ERAL AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO MOD-
IFY OR WITHDRAW THE RATES OF DUTY BOUND IN SCHEDULE XII
OF CONCESSIONS AND TO STATE THAT IN ITS BUDGET PROPOSALS
FOR THE YEAR 1976-77, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS MODI-
FIED THE RATES OF DUTY IN 135 ITEMS BOUND IN SCHEDULE
XIIM THE MODIFICATIONS IN THE BOUND RATES OF DUTY
HAVE COME INTO FORCE WITH EFFECT FROM 16 MARCH 1976. A
LIST OF THESE ITEMS, INDICATING THE BOUND RATES AND RE-
VISED RATES OF DUTY, IS ENCLOSED.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ARE ALSO CONSIDERING POSSI-
BLE MODICICATIONS IN THE RATES OF DUTY ON THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS IN SCHEDULE SII:

ITEM NO 22(5) (A) BITTERS

ITEM NO 22(5) (B) PERFUMED SPIRITS

ITEM MO 22(5) (C) RUM

3. IF AND WHEN ANY CHANGES ARE MADE IN THE RATES
OF DUTY ON THE ABOVE ITEMS, THESE WILL BE NOTIFIED TO
THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTER-
ESTED CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, AS
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MENTIONED ABOVE, MAY BE NOTIFIED TO THE CONTRACTING
PARTIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IS PREPARED TO ENTER
INTO NEGOTIATIONS OR CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII
WITH THE CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE
EXPORT TO INDIA OF THE ITEMS NOTIFIED ABOVE.

5. SINCE THE WAIVER REQUIRES THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TO START NEGOTIATIONS OR CONSULTATIONS BY
1 OCTOBER 1976, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WISHES TO HOLD
RENegotiations IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED

ITEMS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
WHO MAY HAVE PRINCIPAL/SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIER INTEREST
AS EXPORTERS IN THESE ITEMS ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO
SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF INDIA, GENEVA, BY 1 AUGUST 1976, WITH A VIEW TO MAKING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA
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